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Three Presidents attending the inaugural ceremony of the EPLO office in Rome

The European Public Law Organization organized the official opening of its Office in Rome, Italy on the **22nd of May 2024** in the presence of three active Presidents of the Republic (of Italy, Greece, and Bulgaria) and the former President of Cabo Verde along with numerous Embassy representatives, Ministers, academics and jurists.

The inaugural ceremony was hosted at the magnificent Palazzo Altemps, at the theater of the Museo Nazionale Romano where the EPLO Rome Office is also seated. The inauguration ceremony also boasted the presence of esteemed jurists, distinguished professors, and representatives from prominent international organizations.

His Excellency Mr. **Sergio Mattarella**, President of the Italian Republic, Her Excellency Ms. **Katerina N. Sakellaropoulou**, President of the Hellenic Republic, His Excellency Mr. **Rumen Radev**, President of the Republic of Bulgaria, His Excellency **Mr. Jorge Carlos Fonseca**, former President of the Republic of Cabo Verde, and His Eminence, the Metropolitan of Italy and Exarch of Southern Europe, **Policarpo** graced the event with their presence

The event was also honored with the presence of the following Ambassadors in Italy: **Sonia Silvia Brito Sandoval**, Ambassador of the Multinational State of Bolivia, **Sebastien Foumane** Ambassador of Cameroon, Ambassador **Yiorgos Christofides**, Embassy of Cyprus, **Chévez Efrén Arnoldo Bernal**, Ambassador of El Salvador, **Eleni Sourani**, Ambassador of Greece, **Saywan Barzani** Ambassador of Iraq, **Oh Hyunjoo** Ambassador of Korea, **Samuel Tamba Musa**, Ambassador of the Republic of Sierra Leone, and the Ambassador of Tahiti to Italy.

Also, the Ambassadors to the Holy See and the Vatican: **Boris Sahakyan**, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia, **Georgios Poulidis** Ambassador of Cyprus, **Aikaterini- Katia Georgiou**, Ambassador of Greece, **Augusto Jiménez Dubón** Ambassador of Honduras, **Sigita Maslauskaitė-Mažyliienė** Ambassador of Lithuania to the Order of Malta and the Vatican, and **Rajae Naji** Ambassador of Morocco. Ambassador **Andreas Mavroyiannis**, a member of the International Law Commission of the United Nations and former permanent representative of Cyprus to the United Nations attended the event as well.

Mr. **Josip Brkić**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, also honored the EPLO with his presence in the ceremony. From the Ministry of Culture of the Italian Republic, Mr. **Francesco Gilioli**, Head of Cabinet of the Minister, Mr. **Edoardo Zannoli** and Ms. **Francesca Agostino** from the official cabinet, **Mr Giorgio Carlo Brugnoli**, Deputy Head of the Minister's Cabinet, Mr **Clemente Contestabile**, Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Culture and **Mr. Massimo Osanna**, Director General of Museums, participated in the ceremony

The event was chaired by Professor **Daria de Pretis**, Vice-President emerita of the Italian Constitutional Court, University of Trento.



The ceremony was followed by *a one-day conference* covering the "Reform of the State in light of New Challenges" broaching key themes of migratory challenges and global health emergencies.

Professor **Giuliano Amato**, President Emeritus of the Italian Constitutional Court, former Prime Minister, Professor **Spyridon Flogaitis**, Director of the EPLO, Professor **Sabino Cassese**, former judge at the Italian Constitutional Court, and Professor **Stéphane Verger**, Director of Museo Nazionale Romano, carried out the welcome addresses.

Mr. Luigi Carbone, President of the Chamber of the Italian Council of State chaired the conference's first session which covered the subject of "Climate Crisis". **Ms. Cecilia Kinuthia-Njenga**, Director of UNFCCC from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, **Mr. Fabio Venuti**, Head of Cabinet, Office of the Director-General of the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, and Mr. **George Kremlis**, Director of the Climate and Circular Economy Institute of the EPLO were the honorable speakers of the first session.

The second conference session, "*The Challenge of Migration, with a focus on Regional Approaches to Migration and Asylum Policy*" was chaired by Professor **Mario Savino**, Tuscia University of Viterbo. H.E. Mr. **Jorge Carlos Fonseca**, former President of the Republic of Cabo Verde and Mr. **Josip Brkić**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina were the special guest speakers of the second session. Professor **Kristin Fabbe**, School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute, Mr. **Vincent Cochetel**, Special Envoy for the Western & Central Mediterranean Situation, Mr. **Gianluca Rocco**, Director of the International Organization for Migration Mission in Greece and Dr. **Markos Karavias**, Director of the Mediterranean Migration Policy and Asylum Hub of the EPLO were the keynote speakers during the second session.

Professor **Giulio Napolitano** of the University Roma Tre presided over the conference's third session. Professor **Matteo Gnes** of the University of Urbino Carlo Bo, Professor **Enrico Giovannini** of the Tor Vergata University, and former Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility of the Italian Republic, and Professor **Maria De Benedetto** of the Roma Tre University were the orators of this session.

The fourth and last session of the conference was devoted on "*Cultural Heritage Policies in Times of Change*" and was led by Professor **Lorenzo Casini** of the IMT School of Advanced Studies Lucca. Professor **Massimo Osanna** of the University of Naples Federico II, Director-General of Museums at the Ministry of Culture, Professor **Mark Thatcher** of the Luiss University, Professor **Maria Luisa Catoni** of the IMT School of Advanced Studies Lucca and Professor **Catharine Titi**, Research Associate Professor, FCI Arb at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and CERSA, University Paris-Panthéon-Assas were the main spokespersons of the last plenary.

The concluding remarks were delivered by Professor **Sabino Cassese**, Judge Emeritus of the Italian Constitutional Court, and President of the European Scientific Council of EPLO.

A piano concert by composer **Georgios Andreou** and vocalist **Korina Legaki** at the end of this ceremony and event was enthusiastically welcomed by the audience.